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Town Of
ACWORTH
New Hampshire



Overlooking Crescent Lake to Gove Hill

Photo by Betsy Snider

1997
Annual Report

Annual Report

of the

Selectmen

and other

Town Officers

of the

Town of Acworth

New Hampshire



For The Year Ending December 31, 1997

*Please Bring this Town Report to Town Meeting
on Tuesday, March 10, 1998*

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TOWN OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

Moderator	Kenneth Grant - 1999
Board of Selectmen	Lyman A. Young - 1998 Camelia Amell - 1999 Thomas Batchelder - 2000
Town Clerk	Brenda Longley - 1998
Tax Collector	Leon F. Newton
Treasurer	Earl F. Luther, Jr.
Supervisors of Checklist	Roselva A. Dearden - 1998 Gordon Gowen - 2000 Gladys Ring-Bogle - 2002
Overseer of Public Welfare	Selectmen
Health Officer	Patricia Rieck - 1999
Auditor	Sarah Haines - Appt. Sarah Haines - Resigned
Trustees of Trust Fund	Olga Bassinne - 1998 Marguerite Hanson - 1999 Sandra Lord - 2000
Library Trustees	Marguerite Hanson - 1998 Ruth Balla - 1999 Nancy Sandoe - 2000
Administrative Assistant to Board of Selectmen Budget Committee	Earl F. Luther, Jr. Ralph Balla - 1998 Richard Stewart - 1998 Torrey Greene - 1999 Linda Christie - 1999 Craig Lawler - 2000 Howell Longley - 2000
Road Agent Road Committee	Don Porter Steve Levin - 1998 Richard Stewart - 1998 Howell Longley - 1999 James Phinizy - 1999 Ralph Balla - 2000 Roger Butson - 2000
Planning Board	Bruce Bascom - 1998 John W. Balla - 1998 Richard Bishop - 1999 Matthew Sarles - 1999 Thomas Esslinger - 2000 Brenda Longley - 2000
Conservation Commission	Geraldine Rudenfeldt - 1998 Deborah Hinman - 1998 Samuel Stephens - 1999 Laurie Luther-Houghton - 1999 Devik Hemmings - 2000

Conservation Commission: cont.
Tree Warden
Zoning Board of Adjustment

Alternates to Zoning Board

Recreation Committee

Fall Mt. Reg. School Board
Member
Town Forester
Recycling Committee

Elizabeth Snider - 2000
G. Kristian Fenderson
Patrick LeClair - 1998
Edward Metsack - 1998
Paul Colsmann - 1999
Fay Knicely - 1999
James Phinizy - 2000
John W. Balla
Charles Ginter
Michael Gendron - 1998
William Leahy - 1998
Howell Longley - 1999
Guy DuBois - 1999
Cheryl Fernald - 2000
Mary Lord - 2000

James Elsesser
Peter Rhoades
Earl Luther
Sam Stephens
John Tuthill
Albert Blais
Kelly Sanchas

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

TOWN HALL 835-6879

SELECTMEN: Alternate Mondays 7:30 p.m.
Lyman Young, Chairman

TOWN CLERK: Mon., Tues., Wed., 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Sat. 9 - 11 a.m. Brenda Longley, Clerk

PLANNING BOARD: Last Wed., 7:30 p.m.
Bruce Bascom, Chairman

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:
Second Wed., 7:30 p.m.
Sam Stephens, Chairman

RECREATION COMMITTEE:
Second Mon., 7:00 p.m.
Red Longley, Chairman

ZBA: First Wed., 7:30 p.m.
Paul Colsmann, Chairman

RECYCLING COMMITTEE:
First Tues., 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:
Second Tues., 9:30 a.m. Library
Nancy Sandoe, Chairman

LIBRARY HOURS: Sun. 1 - 4 p.m.
Tues. & Thurs. 10:00 am. - 4:00 p.m.

DUMP HOURS: Sat., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wed., 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sun., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:
FIRE: 352-1100
CLAREMONT POLICE - 542-7040

**WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 1998**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Acworth in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to bring in your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall on Tuesday the 10th of March next, between the hours of 10:00 of the clock in the morning until nine of the clock in the evening to act upon the following:

The Business part of the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

One Selectmen for the term of three years.

Treasurer to serve for a term of one year.

Town Clerk for term of three years

Tax Collector for term of one year.

Trustee of Silsby Library to serve for a term of three years.

Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three years.

Two members of the Budget Committee to serve for terms of three years.

Two members of the Planning Board to serve for terms of three years.

Two members of the Road Committee to serve for terms of three years.

Auditor to serve for a term of one year.

ARTICLE TWO: To vote by Non-Partisan ballot for the following amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board.

AMENDMENT 1 makes minor changes to clarify and correct wording, revises several sections in accord with changes to state law, and up dates references to state law and state agencies. This amendment makes no substantive change to the current effect of the Ordinance or the manner in which the Ordinance is implemented.

AMENDMENT 2 clarifies and defines how the Ordinance is to be applied by using the terms "building" and "structure" consistently throughout the Ordinance and providing a definition for each.

AMENDMENT 3 revises the definitions of "frontage" and "right of way" in Article XIV to enable subdivisions which involve the construction of new private streets to serve the lots created and thereby reduce the number of driveways accessing public through-roads.

AMENDMENT 4 clarifies what types of activities are unacceptable in Acworth by replacing Article III.B. regarding "obnoxious uses" with a detailed list.

AMENDMENT 5 replaces and expands Article VII to enable some limited changes, expansions, and additions to legally existing nonconforming uses and buildings; clarifies that buildings on nonconforming lots must meet setback requirements; provides safeguards for expansions in the Conservation Zone; and removes conflicting statements regarding nonconforming lots from Article IV.B.1 and Article V.B.1.

AMENDMENT 6 changes several sections to clarify the intent of the Ordinance to provide both a minimum lot size and density requirement in each District; and allows a second principal use or building on a lot if the area and frontage of the lot is twice the minimum required.

AMENDMENT 7 strengthens the ability of the Board of Selectmen to enforce the requirement for an approved septic system by adding to Article III.C. a requirement that the septic system must be "completed and operable" before a building can be occupied.

AMENDMENT 8 recognizes and modifies the language regarding the Conservation Zone and adds several uses and safeguards that must accompany activities in the Zone. This amendment does not remove any permitted uses or change the extent of the Zone.

AMENDMENT 9 omits the restriction on the ownership status of mobile home residents in the Rural District in compliance with RSA 674:32, which provides that the controls for manufactured housing placed on individual lots be the same as those for conventional single family homes; and changes the permitting authority for temporary trailers from the Board of Adjustment to the Board of Selectmen.

AMENDMENT 10 removes the restriction that products sold by a "cottage industry" be limited to those prepared by that cottage industry.

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will accept the minutes of the Town Meeting of March 11, 1997.

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to approve an increase in the number of Acworth Silsby Library Trustees from three to five members.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same as recommended in the budget by the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this town meeting.

Given under our hands and seal of the Town of Acworth this 11th day of February, 1998.

Board of Selectmen
Lyman A. Young
Camelia Amell
Thomas Batchelder

A True Copy of Warrant Attest:
Lyman A. Young
Camelia Amell
Thomas Batchelder

PLEASE NOTE* VOTING ON SCHOOL BALLOT WILL ONLY BE FROM
10 AM UNTIL 7 PM

1998 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ACWORTH

<u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>	<u>Appropriations 1997</u>	<u>Expenditures 1997</u>	<u>Select- men's Budget 1998</u>	<u>Recom- mended 1998</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Executive	7,600	7,600	9,100	9,100
Elec., Reg. & Vital Stat.	1,500	841	2,000	2,000
Financial Administration	6,700	6,557	7,200	7,200
Revaluation of Property	1,000	1,100	1,200	1,200
Legal Expense	5,000	9,419	5,000	5,000
Planning & Zoning	500	843		1,500
Gen. Government Bldgs.	5,000	3,934	5,000	5,000
Cemeteries	3,000	2,585	3,000	3,000
Insurance	10,000	9,723	10,000	10,000
Other Gen. Government	13,000	11,826	13,000	19,000
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police	19,000	19,265		20,000
Ambulance	2,400	2,357	2,500	2,500
Fire	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Emergency Management	10	-0-	10	10
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
Highways & Streets	115,000	97,043	130,000	130,000
Street Lighting	2,000	1,820	2,000	2,000
General Expense	30,000	44,679	30,000	30,000
SANITATION				
Solid Waste Disposal	45,000	41,548	45,000	45,000
HEALTH & WELFARE				
Animal Control	700	764	700	700
Health Agencies & Hospitals	9,250	3,520	9,200	9,200
Admin. & Direct Assistance	5,000	644	2,500	2,500
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Parks & Recreation	1,600	1,535		2,600
Library	14,350	14,350		14,300
Patriotic Purposes	150	150	150	150
CONSERVATION				
Other Conservation	500	607		600
Forest Mangement Plan	2,250	-0-		
DEBT SERVICE				
Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	40,000	40,000	15,000	15,000
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	3,500	3,547	2,000	2,000
Interest on TANs	3,000	-0-	2,000	2,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Improvements Other Than Buldings	40,000	41,390	50,000	50,000
SUBTOTAL 1	407,010	387,647		411,560

SOURCE OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenues <u>1997</u>	Actual Revenues <u>1997</u>	Estimated Revenue <u>1998</u>
TAXES			
Land Use Change Taxes	1,490	1,490	-0-
Yield Taxes	14,000	14,114	14,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	22,000	31,596	25,000
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permits	50,000	55,807	50,000
Building Permits	100	110	100
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees - Dogs - Boats	1,500	1,464	1,500
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenues	4,936	20,387	5,000
Meals & Rooms Tax Dist.	8,257	8,266	8,200
Highway Block Grant	89,925	92,592	94,652
State & Fed. Forest Land Reim.	280	280	280
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	500	701	500
Other Charges	2,500	3,632	3,000
MISC. REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Prop. (Lot, Sand, Al. Cans, Paper)	1,000	6,509	1,000
Interest of Investments	3,500	4,740	3,000
Other (Rent, Refunds, Misc.)	1,205	2,070	1,500
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
From Trust & Agency Funds	3,000	2,422	2,268
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	204,193	246,180	210,000
 SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended			411,560
TOTAL Approp. Recommended			411,560
Less: Amt. Estimated Revenue & Credits			210,000
Estimated Amount of Taxes To Be Raised			201,560

Minutes of Town Meeting of Acworth

3/11/97

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You are hereby notified to bring in your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall on Tuesday the 11th day of March next, between the hours of the two of the clock in the afternoon until nine of the clock in the evening to act upon the following:
The Business part of the meeting starts at 7:30P.M.

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers

Selectmen - 3 Year Term	Thomas Batchelder
Tax Collector	Leon Newton
Treasurer	Earl F. Luther Jr
Auditor	Sarah Haines
Trustee of Trust Fund - 3 Year Term	Sandra Lord
Library Trustee - 3 Year Term	Nancy Sandoe
Budget Committee - 3 year term	Howell (Red) Longley
	Craig Lawler
Road Committee - 3 Year Term	Ralph Balla
	Roger Butson
Planning Board - 3 Year Term	Thomas Esslinger
	Brenda Longley

ARTICLE TWO: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting (Australian Ballot) on all issues before the Town. Ballot Vote Yes 47 No 174
Ballot Voted did not pass

ARTICLE THREE: Motion made by Craig Lawler and seconded by Richard Stewart to accept the minutes of the Town Meeting of March 12, 1996. Motion passed.

ARTICLE FOUR: Motion made by Ray Nabatoff and seconded by Ken Bascom to empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers. Motion passed.

ARTICLE FIVE: Motion was made by Ken Bascom and seconded by Torrey Greene to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Motion passed.

ARTICLE SIX: Motion was made by Richard Stewart and seconded by Nancy Stewart to vote to discontinue a section of the Old Charlestown Road, so called, running from the former Faithful Jeffery residence on the Acworth-Charlestown Road northerly to Black North Road, a distance of 1850 feed, more or less, as provided in RSA 231:43. No owner of land shall, without his written consent, be deprived of access over such discontinued highway, at his own risk, also as provided in RSA 231:43. (Written notice has been give to all owners of property abutting such highway, at least 14 days prior to the vote of the Town.) By Petition. Motion PASSED.

ARTICLE SEVEN: Motion was made by Richard Stewart and seconded by Sandra Bisson to vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. Motion passed.

ARTICLE EIGHT: Motion was made by Craig Lawler and seconded by Richard Kangas to vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same as recommended in the budget by the Budget Committee. Motion passed.

ARTICLE NINE: Motion was made by Olga Bassinne and seconded by Ken Bascom to vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town as provided in RSA 72:39-b. The question to be voted on as required by RSA 72:30-b, I(c) is as follows:

"Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Acworth based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be as follows:
For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$7,500;
For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000;
For a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000.

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have a net income of not more than \$13,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$20,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence."

Ballot Vote Yes 84 No 3
Motion passed

ARTICLE TEN: Motion was made by Olga Bassinne and seconded by Geraldine Rudenfeldt to vote to establish as town forest under RSA 31:110 the tract(s) or parcel(s) of land known as the Gove Lot, to authorize the Conservation Commission to manage the Town forest under the provision of RSA 31:112 II, and to authorize the placement of any proceeds which may accrue from said forest management in a separate forest maintenance fund, which shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year as provided by RSA 31:113. Dispersal of said funds above and beyond the implementation of the management plan shall be approved by the voters at the annual Town Meeting." Motion passed.

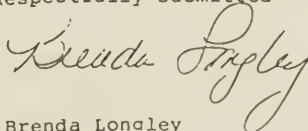
ARTICLE ELEVEN: Motion was made by Elizabeth Snyder and seconded by Olga Bassinne to vote to appropriate \$2250.00 for the purpose of hiring a forester to develop a forest management plan with the Conservation Commission for the Town Forest, known as the Gove Lot. \$1000.00 of this total (\$2500.00) will be paid by the Conservation Commission from the conservation fund. The Conservation Commission would be reimbursed for its share of this cost from future proceeds of said plan." The Selectboard recommends passage of this article. Motion passed.

ARTICLE TWELVE: Thank you to John Tuthill for another incredible year on the Town's Behalf with the Solid Waste.

Meeting recessed at 9:15P.M. to count ballots:

Meeting adjourned at 10:10P.M.

Respectfully submitted



Brenda Longley
Town Clerk

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
YEAR ENDING 12/31/97**

	Levy for 1997	Prior Levies 1996
DR		
Uncollected Taxes		
Beg. of Year*		
Property Taxes		159,268.40
Yield Taxes		1,482.00
Taxes Committed		
This Year:		
Property Taxes	1,235,075.00	
Land Use Change	1,490.00	
Yield Taxes	14,114.00	
Overpayment:		
Property Taxes	756.00	327.55
Interest Collected in Delinquent Tax	1,299.42	11,071.49
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,252,734.42	\$172,149.44
CR		
Remitted to Treasurer		
During FY:		
Property Taxes	1,084,458.13	159,595.95
Land Use Change	1,490.00	
Yield Taxes	14,114.00	1,482.00
Interest	1,292.42	11,071.49
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	778.50	
Uncollected Taxes		
-End of Year:		
Property Taxes	150,594.37	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,251,734.42	\$172,149.44

* * * ON LEVIES OF * * *

Dr.	1997	1995	1994	Prev.
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beg. of Fiscal Yr.		72,235.78	46,643.65	4,178.15
Liens Executed During Fiscal Yr.	89,032.74			
Interest & Costs Coll. (After Lien Execution)	985.22	2,984.64	14,018.11	1,192.61
TOTAL DEBITS	\$90,017.96	\$75,220.02	\$60,661.76	\$5,370.76
Cr.				
Remitted to Treasurer:				
Redemptions	17,481.20	22,137.81	42,491.54	3,717.87
Int./Costs (After Lien Execution)	985.22	2,984.64	14,018.11	1,192.61
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes		809.42		
Liens Deeded To Municipality	1,719.77	1,643.38	1,629.33	460.28
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Yr.	69,831.77	47,644.77	2,522.78	-0-
TOTAL CREDITS	\$90,017.96	\$75,220.02	\$60,661.76	\$5,370.76

TREASURER'S REPORT GENERAL FUND

FROM TAX COLLECTOR:

Property - 1997	\$1,084,458.13	
Property - Previous Years'	159,595.95	
Yield Tax - 1997	14,114.00	
Yield Tax - Previous Years'	1,482.00	
Land Use Change Tax	1,490.00	
Interest and Penalties	31,551.49	
Redemptions	<u>85,828.42</u>	
		\$1,378,519.99

FROM TOWN CLERK:

Motor Vehicle Permits	55,806.75	
Dog Licenses and Penalties	<u>1,061.25</u>	
		56,868.00

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Highway Block Grant	92,591.67	
Revenue Sharing	20,387.00	
Rooms and Meals	8,266.34	
In lieu of taxes: Honey Brook	<u>280.39</u>	
		121,525.40

MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:

Transfer Station Fees	3,632.00	
Interest of Deposits	4,739.54	
Income from Depts.	700.50	
Boat Fees	447.92	
Reimbursement for Cem. Wages	2,084.50	
Sales of Histories, Maps	424.00	
Recycling Proceeds	792.90	
Rent of Town Property	1,275.00	
Roy Mitchell Trust Fund	337.93	
Various Fees	320.16	
Sale of Johnson Lot	4,850.00	
Insurance Refund	585.29	
Sale of Trailer, Sand	<u>442.00</u>	
		20,631.74

TREASURER'S REPORT: cont..

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,577,545.13
Balance 12/31/96	239,363.83
GRAND TOTAL	1,816,908.96
Less Disbursements	(1,523,710.43)
Less Bank Charges	(700.49)
Plus Adjustment	49.00
Balance 12/31/97	292,547.04

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACCOUNT	
Balance 1/15/97	3,709.16
Interest	<u>90.09</u>
Balance 1/15/98	3,799.25

BUTSON GRAVEL BANK ESCROW	
Balance 12/31/96	1,797.27
Interest	<u>48.36</u>
Balance 12/31/97	1,845.63

Earl F. Luther, Jr.
Treasurer

DEBT OUTSTANDING AND RETIRED

Debt Purpose	Outstanding 1/1/97	Retired During Yr.	Outstanding 1/1/98
Cold Pond Road	25,000.00	25,000.00	-0-
Mack Truck	45,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

From:	
Motor Vehicles Permits	55,806.75
Dog Licenses & Penalties	<u>1,061.25</u>
	55,868.00

TOWN OF ACWORTH, NH PROPERTY VALUATION SUMMARY

Value of Land Only	
Current Use	1,218,041
Residential	16,671,760
Total of Taxable Land	17,889,801

Tax Exempt & Non-taxable (\$1,073,300)

Value of Bldgs. Only	
Residential	25,128,225
Manufactured Housing	480,175
Total Taxable Bldgs.	25,608,400

Tax Exempt & Non-taxable (\$1,010,250)

Public Utilities	1,555,155
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Valuation Before Exemptions	45,053,356
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Blind Exemptions (3@15,000)	45,000
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Elderly Exemption (6)	95,000
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Total Exemptions	140,000
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Net Valuation	44,913,356
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In Lieu of Taxes:

State, Fed. Forest Land	280
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Tax Credits (Other war service credits)	2,625
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Elderly Exemption Report

65 - 74 (2 @ 7,500)	\$15,000
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80+ (4 @ 20,000)	\$80,000
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TOTAL	\$95,000
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Utility Summary - Electric

Granite State Electric	434,630
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N.H. Electric Coop Inc.	1,120,525
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Total	1,555,155
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COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE TOWN OF ACWORTH

			Tax Rate
Appropriations	407,010		
Less: Revenues	206,860		
Less: Shared Revenues	4,424		
Add: Overlay	4,995		
War Service Credits	<u>2,625</u>		
Net Town Appropriation	203,346		
Special Adjustment	<u>0</u>		
Approved Town Tax Effort		203,346	
Municipal Tax Rate			4.52
- - - School Portion - - -			
Due to Local School	0		
Due to Reg. School	930,029		
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>9,914</u>		
Net School Appropriation	920,115		
Special Adjustment	<u>0</u>		
Approved School Tax Effort		920,115	
School Tax Rate			20.49
- - - County Portion - - -			
Due to County	112,785		
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>1,129</u>		
Net County Appropriation	111,656		
Special Adjustment	<u>0</u>		
Approved County Tax Effort		111,656	
County Tax Rate			2.49
Combined Tax Rate			
Total Property Taxes Assessed		1,235,117	
Less: War Service Credits		(2,625)	
Add: Village Dist. Commitment		<u>0</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment		1,232,492	
- - - Proof of Rate - - -			
Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
44,913,356		27.50	1,235,117

**TOWN OF ACWORTH
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES**

Title of Appropriation	Appro- priation	Expendi- ture	Unex- pended	Over- draft
Town Officers' Salaries	7,600	7,600		
Town Officers' Expenses	13,000	11,826	1,174	
Election & Registration	1,500	841	659	
Planning & Zoning	500	843		343
Gen. Government Bldgs.	5,000	3,934	1,066	
Police	19,000	19,265		265
Fire	20,000			
Civil Defense	10		10	
Cemeteries	3,000	2,585	415	
Legal Expenses	5,000	9,419		4,419
Revaluation of Property	1,000	1,100		100
Insurance	10,000	9,723	277	
Highway Maint.	115,000	97,043	17,957	
Gen. Highway Expense	30,000	44,679		14,679
Street Lighting	2,000	1,820	180	
Solid Waste Disposal	45,000	41,548	3,452	
Health & Other Agencies	9,250	3,520	5,730	
Ambulance	2,400	2,357	43	
Animal Control	700	764		64
Welfare	5,000	644	4,356	
Library	14,350	14,350		
Recreation	1,600	1,535	65	
Memorial Day	150	150		
Conservation	500	607		107
Forest Management	2,250		2,250	
Principal: Long				
Term Notes	40,000	40,000		
Interest	6,500	3,547	2,953	
Social Security	6,700	6,557	143	
Capital Expenditures	40,000	41,390		1,390
TOTALS	407,010	387,647	40,730	21,367

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REVENUES

TAXES		
3110.0	Property Taxes	(1,230,080)
3185.0	Yield Taxes	(14,114)
3190.0	Penalties & Interest	(31,551)
3120.0	Land Use Change Tax	(1,490)

Total Taxes		(1,277,235)
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		
3210.0	Licenses, Permits & Fees	(448.00)
3220.0	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	(55,807.00)
3230.0	Building Permits	0.00
3290.0	Other Licenses & Permits	(1,061.00)

Total Licences, Fees & Permits		(57,316)
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		
3319.0	Other	0

Total From Fed. Government		0
FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE		
3351.0	Shared Revenue	(20,387)
3353.0	Highway Block Grant	(92,592)
3356.0	State & Fed Forest Land	0
3352.0	Rooms & Meals Tax	(8,266)
3359.0	Other (Inc. Railroad Tax)	(280)

Total From State of N.H.		(121,525)
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT		
3379.0	Intergovernmental Revenues	0

Total From Other Governments		0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		
3401.0	Income From Department	(701)
3404.0	Garbage-refuse Charges	(3,632)
3409.0	Other charges	0

Total Charges for Services		(4,333)
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES		
3501.0	Sale of Municipal Property	(5,716)
3502.0	Interest on Investment	(4,740)
3503.0	Rent of Property	(1,275)
3506.0	Insurance Reimbursements	(585)
3509.0	Other	(1,162)

Total Other Miscellaneous Sources		(13,478)
0.0 OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		
3916.0	Trust & Agency Fund	(2,422)

Total Operating Transfers In		(2,422)
0.0 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		
3934.0	Proceed of Long T. Notes/Bonds	0

Total Other Financing Sources		0

Total Revenues		(1,476,310)
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EXPENDITURES
EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130.0	Executive	7,600	
4140.0	Election, Reg. & Vital Stat.	841	
4150.0	Financial Administration	6,412	
4152.0	Revaluation of Property	1,100	
4153.0	Legal Expense	9,419	
4154.0	Personnel Administration	(0)	
4191.0	Planning & Zoning	843	
4194.0	General Gov. Bldg.	3,934	
4195.0	Cemeteries	2,585	
4196.0	Insurance	9,723	
4197.0	Adv & Reg. Associations	0	
4199.0	Other Gen. Gov.	11,826	

Total General Government

54,283

0.0 PUBLIC SAFETY

4210.0	Police	19,265	
4215.0	Ambulance	2,357	
4220.0	Fire	20,000	
4299.0	Other Public Safety	0	

Total Public Safety

41,622

0.0 HIGHWAYS & STREETS

4312.0	Highways & Streets	97,043	
4313.0	Bridges	0	
4316.0	Street Lighting	1,820	
4319.0	Other Highways & Streets	44,679	

Total Highways & streets

143,542.00

0.0 SANITATION

4324.0	Solid Waste Disposal	41,548	

Total Sanitation

41,548

HEALTH

4414.0	Pest Control	764	
4415.0	Health Agencies & Hosptals	3,520	
4419.0	Other Health	0	

Total Health

4,284

WELFARE

4445.0	Vendor Payments	644	

Total Welfare

644

CULTURE & RECREATION

4520.0	Parks & Recreation	1,535	
4550.0	Library	14,350	
4583.0	Patriotic Purposes	150	
4589.0	Other Culture & Rec.	0	

Total Culture & Recreation

16,035

CONSERVATION

4612.0	Purchase Natural Resources	0	
4619.0	Other Conservation	607	

Total Conservation

607

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ASSETS		
1010.0	Cash	292,547
1030.0	Investments	0
1080.0	Uncollected Taxes - Current	150,594
1080.9	Allowance for Uncollectible	(2,967)
1110.0	Unredeemed Taxes	120,000
1110.2	Allowance for Uncollectible	0
1150.0	Accounts Receivable	0
1260.0	Due from Other Governments	0
1310.0	Due from Other Funds	0
1400.0	Other Current Assets	0
1700.0	Other Assets	
Total Assets		560,174
		=====
LIABILITIES		
2020.0	Accounts & Warrants Payble	(1,992)
2050.0	Contracts Payable	0
2070.0	Due Other Government	0
2070.3	Due to County	0
2070.4	Due to Precinct	0
2075.0	Due School District	(465,000)
2080.0	Due to Other Funds	0
2220.0	Deferred Revenue	0
2230.1	Tax Anticipation Notes Payable	0
2270.0	Other Payables	0
Total Liabilities		(466,992)
FUND EQUITY		
2440.0	Reserve for Special Purposes	0
2490.0	Reserve for Encumbrances	(2,250)
2530.0	Unreserved Fund Balance	(90,932)
Total Fund Equity		(93,182)
Total Liability & Equity		(560,174)
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Notes:

- 1) Reserve for Encumbrances is the unexpended amount of a special warrant article
- 2) Accounts payable are different year tax overpayments to be refunded

1996 Taxes:	908
1997 Taxes:	1,084

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EXPENDITURES

DEBT SERVICE		
4711.0 Princ. Long T. Notes/Bonds	40,000	
4721.0 Interest Long T. Notes/Bonds	3,547	
4723.0 Interest on TAN	0	

Total Debt Service		43,547
0.0 CAPITAL OUTLAY		
4901.0 Land and Improvements	0	
4909.0 Improvements other than Bldg.	41,390	

Total Capital Outlay		41,390
0.0 PAYMENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
4931.0 Taxes Paid to County	112,785	
4932.0 Taxes Paid to Village Dist.	0	
4933.0 Taxes Paid to School Dist.	930,029	
4939.0 Payments to Other Government	0	

Total Other Government		1,042,814

Total Expenditures		1,430,316
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RESULTS OF OPERATION		
Revenues	(1,476,310)	
Less Expenditures	1,430,316	

Result of Operation		(45,993)
		=====
	1-1-97	12-31-97
Total Fund Equity (Surplus)	47,998	93,182

**TOWN OF ACWORTH
SUMMARY OF DETAILED PAYMENTS**

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Lyman Young, Selectmen	1,000.00	
Camelia Amell, Selectmen	1,000.00	
Thomas Batchelder, Selectmen	1,000.00	
Leon Newton, Tax Collector	2,000.00	
Brenda Longley, Town Clerk	1,400.00	
Earl Luther, Treasurer	700.00	
Sarah Haines, Auditor	400.00	
Patricia Rieck, Health Officer	<u>100.00</u>	
		7,600.00

ELECTION EXPENSES

Salaries	642.50	
Public Notices	61.40	
Supplies	<u>136.60</u>	
		840.50

FICA contributions		6,556.55
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REVALUATION OF PROPERTY		1,100.00
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LEGAL EXPENSES

Lawsuit Defense	8,504.70	
NHEC Abatement Defense	301.72	
Miscellaneous	<u>612.46</u>	
		9,418.88

PLANNING BOARD

UVLSRPC Dues	722.00	
Public Notice	32.80	
Postage, Misc.	68.60	
Cabinet Repair	<u>20.00</u>	
		843.40

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Fuel	1,525.56	
Electricity	420.02	
Building Maintenance	628.55	
Supplies	212.64	
Flag Duty	130.00	
Snow Removal	115.00	
Mowing	520.00	
Hot Water Heater	<u>381.90</u>	
		3,933.67

CEMETERIES		2584.50
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INSURANCE		
Property/Liability	7,740.00	
Workers' Comp	1,066.60	
Unemployment Contribution	622.93	
Road Agent's Disability Policy	<u>293.30</u>	
		9,722.83
TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES		
Adm. Ass't Salary	2,500.00	
Town Reports	1,421.00	
Computer Services (Tax Bills)	1,974.58	
Supplies	1,669.00	
Associations' Dues	1,070.00	
Johnson Lot Survey (Bal)	646.00	
Contracted Services	792.00	
Forester Services	362.50	
Telephone	734.81	
Public Notices	325.60	
Registry Recordings/Postage	<u>330.70</u>	
		11,826.19
POLICE		
Payroll	7,305.78	
Cruiser Lease	6,222.17	
Dispatch Service	2,520.00	
Cruiser Maintenance	1,090.44	
Pager, Repeater Service	341.00	
Supplies	740.22	
Gas	463.83	
Telephone	409.95	
Misc.	<u>171.22</u>	
		19,264.61
AMBULANCE		2,357.00
FIRE		20,000.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES		
Payroll	58,407.50	
Gravel, Shur-pac, Patch	11,980.25	
Chemicals - salt, chloride	5,023.38	
Contracted Services	9,158.00	
Culverts	7,656.07	
Health Insurance	<u>4,817.40</u>	
		97,042.60
STREET LIGHTING		1,820.39

GENERAL EXPENSE: HIGHWAY

Repairs	10,493.27
Parts, Supplies	7,611.12
Diesel Fuel	5,033.05
Gas	1,195.59
Fuel Oil	1,526.34
Tires and Repair	3,980.52
Telephone	535.17
Garage Generator	3,000.00
Electricity	927.67
Sander	4,116.00
Acworth Share of Repeater	5,500.00
Misc.	559.45
Drug, Alcohol Tests	<u>201.25</u>

44,679.43

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Payroll	6,426.00
Trash Disposal, Trucking, Rent (244 tons)	21,702.52
Demolition Disp. Trucking, Rent	7,598.01
Recycables Disposal, Trucking	967.20
Paint Disposal	725.00
Utilities	505.61
New Glass Bin	2,027.52
Used Oil Facilities	698.28
Certification Expenses	170.49
Screen Door	230.00
Supplies	248.97
Misc.	<u>248.32</u>

41,547.92

ANIMAL CONTROL

Payroll	445.48
Shelter Expense	130.00
Dog Tags	126.11
Mileage	<u>62.31</u>

763.90

HOME HEALTH CARE

1,570.23

HOSPICE

250.00

FOODSHELF

600.00

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

600.00

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES

500.00

WELFARE

644.30

RECREATION

Toilet Rent	598.00
Mowing	290.00
Supplies	450.12
Electricity	<u>197.30</u>

1535.42

LIBRARY		
Payroll	7,489.25	
FICA Contribution	572.90	
Snow Removal	30.00	
Paid to Trustees	<u>6,257.85</u>	
		14,350.00
MEMORIAL DAY		150.00
CONSERVATION		
Association Dues	125.00	
Lake Tests	328.00	
Supplies, Postage	<u>153.57</u>	
		606.57
PRINCIPAL & LONG TERM NOTES		
Cold Pond Road	25,000.00	
Mack - 1st Pay	<u>15,000.00</u>	
		40,000.00
INTEREST: LONG TERM NOTES		3,547.25
ROAD IMPROVEMENT		41,390.47
TOTAL		387,646.61

**ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY
1998 BUDGET**

	BUDGET <u>1997</u>	SPENT <u>1997</u>	PROPOSED <u>1998</u>
SALARIES	8,500	8,092	9,000
BOOKS	2,000	2,176	2,000
PERIODICALS	300	396	300
OTHER MATERIALS	250	212	250
ELECTRICITY	550	495	550
HEAT	1,000	891	1,000
TELEPHONE	500	471	500
SERVICES	400	138	300
SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	800	268	300
TUITION, TRAVEL, FEES	500	186	500
PROGRAMS, MISC.	100	-0-	100
COMPUTER & COPIER SERVICES	<u>350</u>	<u>597</u>	<u>400</u>
TOTALS	15,250	13,922	15,200
CAPITAL	NONE	1,406	NONE
ESTIMATED INCOME			900
Interest on Savings	600		
Book Sales	200		
Misc. Income	100		
TOTAL REQUESTING FROM TOWN FUNDS			14,300
ESTIMATED DESIGNATED INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS			2,100
ESTIMATED DESIGNATED INCOME FROM FRIENDS OF LIBRARY			500

LIBRARY REPORT: cont.

BEGINNING BALANCE		
OPERATION FUNDS	832.39	
BEGINNING BALANCE		
SAVINGS FUNDS	23,268.30	24,100.69
TOWN APPROPRIATION		
RECEIVED FROM TREASURER	6,257.85	
SALARIES PAID BY TREASURER	7,519.25	
SOC. SEC PAID BY TREASURER	572.90	14,350.00
INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS	3,004.66	
INTEREST ON SAVINGS ACCT.	796.23	
BOOK SALES & MISC.	271.25	
MISC. COPY FEE & SERVICES	72.94	
CRAFT FAIR	185.00	4,330.08
DONATIONS DESIGNATED	1,574.00	
DONATIONS BUILDING FUND	-0-	
MISC. DONATIONS	1,000.00	2,574.00
	TOTAL AVAILABLE	45,354.77
	TOTAL SPENT	
	OPERATING	13,922.03
	TOTAL SPENT	
	CAPITAL	1,406.45
	BALANCE	30,026.29

BALANCE IN OPERATING FUNDS - 2,359.38

BALANCE IN SAVINGS FUNDS - 15,132.89

BALANCE IN TEMP SAVINGS - 12,534.02

TOTAL - 30,026.29

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall and Land	\$109,000.00	
Contents	6,000.00	
Library and Land	113,000.00	
Contents	30,000.00	
Police Dept. Equipment	5,000.00	
Town Garage and Land	96,300.00	
Equipment	267,000.00	
Materials, Supplies	6,000.00	
Grange Hall and Land	56,000.00	
Town Common	28,000.00	
Sand Pit, Transfer Station	<u>30,800.00</u>	
TOTAL		747,100.00
Lands Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds		
Ball Lot 466	6,900.00	
Benware Mobile Home	7,400.00	
Wilson Mobile Home	12,900.00	
Buss Lot 357	8,300.00	
Callum Lot 485	2,00.00	
Capello Lot 812	18,000.00	
Champney Lot 260	7,900.00	
Crescent Lake Lot 101B	7,900.00	
Farnsworth Lot 279A	41,300.00	
Gove Lots - 207,207A,208,208A	332,700.00	
Hurd Lots - Lots 55C, 59B	33,400.00	
Jennison Lot 623	28,100.00	
Morris Lot 871	6,300.00	
Nelson Lot 618A	11,400.00	
Onofrio Lot 140A	18,100.00	
Prouty Lot 649	7,100.00	
Shaw Lot 227A	9,900.00	
Turner Lot 68A	13,100.00	
Witkiewicz Lot 257	<u>17,600.00</u>	
TOTAL		590,300.00
Lands Acquired Through Gift or Purchase		
Acworth Wetlands Lot 253	3,600.00	
Peirera Wetlands Lots 263A,263C	10,500.00	
Diggert Lot 255	1,900.00	
Pierce Brook Woodlot Lot 720	8,700.00	
Ward Lot 422A	10,100.00	
Mill Pond Acre and Mica Shed	19,300.00	
Five Points School Hse Lto 464	7,000.00	
Prince Lot 515A	<u>1,600.00</u>	
TOTAL		62,700.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN 1997 REPORT

1997 was a fast paced year for the Board of Selectmen. Tom Batchelder joined the Board and Jack Rieck left us after 3 years of service, he will be missed. The Johnson Lot was bid out and sold this year. The transfer station saw several improvements as well as a hazardous waste pickup. The newly developed Town Forest and its management plan are well under way. A third man has been added to the highway crew for more efficient maintenance and faster service. Most of the roads in town have been named for 911, the dump is again open on Sundays and an emergency backup system has been put in place at the town garage. An audit has been scheduled for the first time ever in Acworth, it will be done by Plodzik & Sanderson a municipal audit firm from Concord, New Hampshire.

John Tuthill deserves a great many thanks for donating hundreds of hours of work defending Acworth's efforts to dissolve itself of the Solid Waste Contract. On February 12th Judge Arnold suggested strongly that the two sides settle their dispute. The settlement came less than two hours later as five town officials, three attorneys and three plaintiffs settled on the figure of \$60,000 paid by Acworth over a fifteen years, without interest.

Respectfully,
Board of Selectmen

ACWORTH PLANNING BOARD 1997 REPORT

The Board met 12 times in 1997.

No subdivisions were granted this year. One annexation was accepted by the Board.

In April the Board approved to officially adopt the new rewritten updated town "Master Plan". Maps to annex are being completed in the near future.

The town has rejoined the "Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission". Their able staff has greatly helped write the Planning Board's proposed amendments to the town zoning ordinance. This rewrite of the town's 25 year old document is easier to understand and makes for consistency throughout the ordinance and consistency with state law. These proposed amendments make no substantial changes to the current effect of the ordinance or the manner in which it is implemented. The Planning Board recommends its passage by written ballot this March.

Meetings are held every last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. and are open to the public. Your attendance is always welcome.

Bruce Bascom, Chairman
John Balla, Secretary
Tom Batchelder
Richard Bishop
Tom Esslinger
Brenda Longley
Matthew Sarles

ACWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT
1997 REPORT TO TOWN

1997 has been a busy year for the Acworth Police Department. There has been a total of 581 reports for 1997. This is an increase of 433 over the previous year. There were a total of 39 dog and animal complaints. 7 domestic calls which is an increase over the previous year. There were 15 motor vehicle accidents, to include one death. There were 99 probation sign ins. The number of speed related incidents are on the rise. There have been many changes in the department starting with the resignation of Chief William (Buzz) Raymond. Aaron Putnam was sworn in as a part time officer to take my place as a part time patrolman and backup officer for the town. Aaron has served as an EMT on the Charlestown Ambulance, and was a prior dispatcher for Golden Cross Ambulance in Claremont. I took charge of the Department on July 1, 1997, and have been very busy bringing the department up to standards. The Police Standards and Training regulates how we must operate the Police Department. Following is a breakdown for the reports recieved in 1997.

Dog/Animal Complaints/Bites	39	Background/Records Check	4
Attempt to Locate	6	Alcohol Purchase by Minor	1
Juvenile Problems	7	Tobacco Purchase by Minor	2
Domestics	7	Motor Vehicle Complaints	31
Run-away / Missing Persons	6	Motor Vehicle Accidents	15
Police Information	61	Public Service or Assist	5
Suicide	1	Motor Vehicle Stops	21
Follow-up Investigations	83	Criminal Mischief	11
911 Hangups or Traces	5	Vandalism Property/Vehicle	3
Annoying/Harassing Calls	5	Fire/Rescue Call or Assist	2
Alarms	2	Other Department Assist	9
Tresspassing Complaints	3	Untimely Deaths	1
Check on Well Being	4	Theft	9
Mics. Complaints	28	Suspicious Person/Persons	1
Public Haz ards	24	Suspicious Vehicles	8
Liquor Violations	3	Abandon Property/Vehicles	40
Hit & Run	1	Drug Complaint	1
Lock Outs - Home/Vehicle	1	Property/Building Checks	15
Break-ins - Home/Vehicle	6	Warrents/Paperwork Served	7
Request Officer	4	Probation/Parole	99

I wish to thank the towns people and the board of selectpersons for their continued support, and look forward to working with the same in the up comming year. I also wish to thank the CCSA (Concerned Citizens for a Safer Acworth) for their support during the past year. I would like to take this time to thank all of the Teachers and Children at the Acworth School for their many Thank Yous and Cards recieved in the past in response to the Safety Programs we provide to them. A Thank You goes out to my Police Secetary, Nancy Stewart for all the times I have had to use her services in the middle of the night.

The Acworth Fire/Rescue Department deserves a big thank you, for the assistance given at several motor vehicle accidents during the past year. I look forward to working more closely with them in the next year.

Last but not least I would like to thank the Acworth Highway Department for their quick response in sanding accident and problem areas.


DAVID A. WEBBER
CHIEF CONSTABLE

LIBRARY TRUSTEES 1997 REPORT

The past year, 1997 was a wonderful year for the Acworth Silsby Library! !

Our two librarians, Devik Hemmings and Barbara Clark, have become more proficient on our two computers and therefore able to help others more readily. Several computer-literate Acworth residents have been generous with their time and knowledge in ably assisting in the solving of "glitch" problems. Classes and workshops have been held to educate children and adults about these technical mysteries. Many have already made use of the Apple for school work, research and entertainment.

A major event occurred during summer! Using a reputable firm in Keene, we had all the hardwood floors in the library sanded and refinished. The result is greater light in all of the library plus it looks wonderful!

Work continues in the Bird Room. To facilitate librarian and patron use, we have replaced the old upright, metal cabinets with lateral oak files. There has been a great deal of sorting, weeding and placement of archival material into acid-free boxes and stored on the back shelves of the library where they are accessible but not taking up needed space. We have recently received a wonderful gift of a brand new oriental rug for the Bird Room. To protect it and the floors, we have cushioned all table and chair legs.

Plans for the future include continuing work to improve the library's lighting, plaster restoration and painting of walls and the building of shelves in the Bird Room to hold Reference Books.

We, the Trustees, have placed an Article in the Town Warrant to increase the number of Trustees from three to five.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy K. Sandoe, Chairman
Maggie Hanson, Secretary
Ruth Balla, Treasurer

TOWN OF ACWORTH ROAD AGENT 1997 REPORT

The Highway Department had a very busy year. The new Mack truck has worked out very well and has improved our ability to maintain the roads in all seasons. It should last us a long, long time. The department put a new clutch in the FWD and repaired the transmission as it was popping out of third gear. This town vehicle also runs good and should continue to give us useful service for a few more years.

Road improvements continue to be made on a regular basis. Culverts were installed on Derry Hill, Henio Road, Ryan Road, Breier Road, and Cold Pond Road. Ditches were cleaned out on Derry Hill, Luther Hill, Cold Pond, Pfohis Road, Black North Road plus banks were removed, and bank run was put down with Surpac on top. Utility poles will have to be moved along repair areas so that we may complete our road work in these areas.

This year, the department added a part time worker, Matt Balla, to assist with the plowing using the one-ton truck. He is doing a good job and our roads are getting plowed much quicker and corners are being pushed off as well. Matt has also been helpful with repairs on the equipment and would make a good full time man.

The department appreciates the cooperation of the community of keeping the roadways clear of parked cars for snow removal during the winter months. We will continue with the planned roadway improvements during the coming year.

Don Porter,
Road Agent

Acworth Conservation Commission 1997 Report

The creation of the new Town Forest at Town Meeting last year was an exciting event for the Commission. With the help of Peter Rhoades, Town Forester, and our better-late-than-never creation of a citizens' Forest Advisory Board, the Commission is moving toward its goal to create a sustainable management plan for the Forest, also called the Gove Lot. We wish to thank Peter Wotowiec, Rob DeValk, Eric Clark, and Terry Callum for turning out to find out what was needed. A good management plan should consider many things, including: wildlife corridors and habitat, running and standing water, unique plants, trees, scenic, and cultural/historical areas, recreational uses, timber, other land uses in the neighborhood, and educational opportunities for people to learn more about this particular forest and best management practices for forests in general. We welcome all who are interested in participating in any capacity this year to give us a call.

The Commission continued conservation easement monitoring this year on the Roy, Moody, and Pierce Brook properties. As we were not able to fit in a visit to the Clark property, we plan to do so in 1998. Last summer, the Bascoms upgraded the boundary markings on the Moody property with the help of Peter Rhoades. This improvement is partly paid for by the state on Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP) conservation easement properties. The full Commission met with Peter Helm, the NH Office of State Planning Coordinator, to increase our knowledge of effective monitoring and documentation of protected lands. Anyone who would like to learn how to permanently protect their land through a conservation easement should contact the Commission for information.

The Commission would like to express its condolences to the family of Evelyn Roy, who passed away this year. Evelyn and Raymond Roy protected their land from development by putting a conservation easement on the farm, thereby preserving forever the welcoming sight of the Roy farm as one crosses into Acworth along the Charlestown Road and begins the climb toward the village or travels out toward Five Points and the amazing view to the west. Laurie, Sam, and Debby met with Evelyn's daughter, Verna, and her husband Paul Thibault, to discuss the easement and our appreciation of the family's decision to protect the land.

Another ongoing activity was the water quality testing of Crescent Lake which was done several times during the year in conjunction with the Unity Conservation Commission and with the help of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES). Good lake water quality depends on the environmentally healthy use of the lands surrounding it as well as within the entire watershed. Recently enacted state law within the Shoreland Protection Act was discussed by Jody Connors of the DES, at a meeting of the commissions and selectmen from Acworth, Unity, and Lempster. Among its provisions, the Act sets standards for preserving or replacing disturbed plants and trees during shoreline property development.

The Commission sent out packets of state supplied Fact Sheets on good practices along shorelines. Betsy and Geraldine worked with the Crescent Lake Association to further that organization's role in lake stewardship. In summary, Crescent Lake's environmental health continues to be reasonably good but might well improve with less powerboat activity, which erodes the banks and stirs up the bottom of this shallow lake, and with more care in maintaining and increasing natural buffers growing near the lake. Maintaining and improving

such buffers along the Cold River and its tributaries to reduce siltation and runoff is similarly important. A set of maps of the Cold River corridor and watershed has been made by the Friends of the Cold River and the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. The maps will be available in each town in the watershed later in the year.

The Recycling Committee held a successful paint and dry cell battery collection at the transfer station in the fall and expect to do so again next fall on three or four regular transfer station days. It is important to keep these hazardous materials out of the main waste stream and to practice caution in purchasing only what one needs, thus minimizing disposal.

The Commission and other volunteers picked up roadside trash on May 10, concentrating on Hill Road and the Charlestown Road. We gratefully acknowledge the many others around town who contributed to our clean roadsides through their daily and weekly efforts, and to those who participated in the Clean Up/Green Up day on their own stretch of road. Watch for the announcement of this year's pick up before the advent of black flies.

Betsy and Debby participated in the minor corrections and revisions of the town zoning ordinances led by the Planning Board, with special focus on the Conservation Zone. The Board has spent a significant amount of effort to get the zoning regulations in a more useable format by correcting all typographical errors and numbering, putting in references and language now required by the state, and clarifying the intent of the ordinances. We support their efforts and encourage all who are interested in joining in their planned citizens groups to tackle the next go-round of issues throughout the year to do so.

Sam, Devik and Debby attended the annual meeting of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions and participated in a variety of workshops. These included sessions on the economic benefits of maintaining open space in our towns, an introduction to a comprehensive handbook on sustainable forestry developed by the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, a discussion of rare plants and animals in NH, and the permitting procedures for wetland and shoreland areas. The new forest management book, Good Forestry in the Granite State: Recommended Voluntary Forest Management Practices for NH is available at the Commission if you would like to consult it. Call us about it.

The Commission is participating in the SERVE program which matches interested high school youth with projects on local Conservation Commissions. We are pleased that Aaron Blake of Black North Road has added one more thing to his busy schedule and is now working on a map of recreational trails in town. He will do a presentation of his project in the spring, so watch the newsletter for that date.

The Commission continued to see a high number of intents-to-cut come over its desk. The Town Forester also reviews these.

We were pleased to complete our Commission membership with the appointment of Devik Hemmings who replaced Brian Miller this year. We meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM and welcome all to our meetings. Respectfully, Sam Stephens, Chair, Laurie Luther-Houghton, Geraldine Rudenfeldt, Debby Hinman, Betsy Snider, Devik Hemmings.

ACWORTH RECYCLING COMMITTEE 1997 REPORT

The Recycling Committee worked on the layout of collection bins at the transfer station to simplify operations and improve visibility over the area.

Magazines and cardboard are now stockpiled in gaylords for periodic pick-up by the Putney Paper Company. To date this arrangement has not involved cost to the town.

Glass is no longer shipped off site. A new concrete bin was built for collecting mixed glass. Crushed glass aggregate will be used for grading and fill at the transfer station. The committee believes that by making glass collection more convenient Acworth can reduce trucking and disposal costs. Bottles and glass containers should be empty and without caps and lids.

A recycling coordinator at the NH Department of Environmental Services met with committee members twice during the year to discuss Acworth's recycling program.

Acworth obtained a grant through the Oil Collection Program at the NH DES and installed collection pads underneath the barrels for used motor oil. This has reduced the risk of soil contamination. The oil collection program is for used motor oil only. Other automotive fluids and liquid wastes cannot be accepted and must not be mixed with oil for disposal. Contact NH DES for information on collection sites for wastes not accepted at the transfer station. The lack of hazardous waste collection in the area remains a concern.

The second annual paint and battery collection was held in the late fall. Committee members screened, packed and shipped waste paints and one drum of used household batteries in 1997.

Thanks to Al Blais for organizing the construction of the new glass bin, Leon Newton for his help getting recyclables shipped to market, John Tuthill for his dedicated work on the committee, Hank Carr who keeps things running smoothly at the dump and everyone else who has helped increase recycling in Acworth.

The Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month or as needed. Your suggestions and participation are appreciated. Volunteers are welcome.

For information call 835-6631 or 863-6366.

RECREATION COMMITTEE 1997 REPORT

We have had a time trying to get the ballfield fence up. The backstop and down 1st and 3rd baseline was done by Springfield Fence Co. with donations from fund raisers and people in town. Trying to get the fence up around the outside of the field was difficult getting people to help. Thanks to a few selected people we finally after working about two weekends got it up.

We had soccer shirts donated to the three Town Teams by R. L. Balla Inc. They looked very nice on the kids. Thank you Ralph and Ruth for everything.

We had a girls soccer tournament up at the field. Five teams participated in it. Walpole Red Team took home the winning trophy. Acworth's Girls Team had a perfect record going into the tournament. Thank you girls and Pam Ring, Coach.

The 9 - 11 year old boys soccer team had a fantastic team and went to the Charlestown Tournament and came home with the trophy. Congratulations boys and Guy DuBois, the Coach.

We also had a PeeWee Soccer team which took a great effort by parents to get the kids to do pretty good on the field. Thank you parents and kids and Stephanie Brown, Coach.

The Youth Group put on a haunted house which was enjoyed by all. Some members of the Acworth PTO put on a little Halloween party for 7 years and under the Town Hall. Thanks to everyone who helped.

The skating rink is up and running and would like to thank those who help shovel it off when necessary. There are certain hours posted down at the rink so please abide by them.

We also had three baseball teams this year. The nine 11 year old's coached by Mike Hulser and Jim Sanctuary. The 6 - 7 and 8 year old's were coached by Cheryl Fernald. All teams did very well during the season. Very good seasons girls and boys.

I want to thank everyone of the Coaches and all who helped do things when needed throughout the year.

Red Longley,
Chairman

ACWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE CO., INC.
1997 REPORT

Acworth fire and rescue volunteers responded to 37 calls this year. These included seven fires, 31 rescue and seven mutual aid calls, 1 false alarm, and one horse stuck in the mud.

After much research and many meetings, a four-wheel drive truck was purchased and Dingee Machine in Cornish, New Hampshire selected to customize it to our specific needs. It's expected to be completed by spring. This will replace the small truck to carry basic fire-fighting and rescue equipment. The tanker truck is now unfit for use. Needed repairs add up to several thousand dollars, but a new tanker is far more expensive, so we're hoping we can patch this one up for a while longer.

The new equipment list is being drawn up as funds come in. Special thanks go to the Herman Barth Family and all who have contributed in his memory. We also thank the Acworth Players, the Acworth Recreation Committee, and the Old Home Day Committee for their efforts on our behalf, as well as the many individuals who have contributed directly or through the collection at the South Acworth Store. The Acworth Community Aid's donation of their Jeffrey Memorial money provided a big boost to our fund. Special recognition goes to June Blake for great fund-raising efforts.

We continue to seek individuals with the interest and ability to make the long-term commitment necessary to become a volunteer member. Meetings are held at the fire station on the second Thursday evening each month.

We thank all who have shown their support in many ways throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Elbert Knicely, Chief

**ACWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE CO., INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1997**

EXPENSES

Electricity	\$334.75
Heat	431.37
Insurance	3,519.00
Building Maint.	475.96
Administration	1,966.03
Rescue Supplies	222.35
Truck, Radio Maint.	362.15
Fire Equipment	898.95
Capital	<u>38,962.50</u>

Total Spent 1997	\$47,173.06
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INCOME

Town Appropriation	\$20,000.00
Interest	1,185.74
Earned Income	8,445.56
Donations	<u>6,764.00</u>

Total Income 1997	\$36,395.30
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TOWN REPORT - REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND FOR 1997

NAME OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR
Cemetery Fund Common Trust	Income Fund of Am.	\$51,000.00	\$5,769.45	\$3,269.41 dep. to Ct River Bk.	\$3,269.41	\$56,769.45
Cemetery Income Account	Connecticut River Savings Bank	\$9,355.38	\$3,269.41	\$269.78	\$1,478.75	\$11,415.82
Library Fund	U.S. Gov't. Sec. Tr.	\$3,536.06	\$0.00	\$95.82	\$95.82	\$3,536.06
Roy E. Mitchell Town of Acworth	No. Am. Bond Fund	\$5,000.00	\$152.82	\$334.44	\$334.44	\$5,152.82
Roy E. Mitchell Old Cemetery Tr	No. Am. Bond Fund	\$5,000.00	\$155.29	\$333.78	\$333.78	\$5,155.29
Roy E. Mitchell Cemetery Tr Fd	No. Am. Bond Fund	\$10,000.00	\$376.73	\$671.52	\$671.52	\$10,376.73
Jefferys Funds S. Acworth Comm. Aid	Capital Inc Bldr. have been distrl ued according to the terms of the Jefferys' will	\$33,420.07	\$1,673.91	\$1,965.08	\$1,965.08	\$35,093.98
VNA Memorial Fd	"	"	"	"	"	"
Silsby Library Fd.	"	\$43,703.17	\$2,188.95	\$2,569.64	\$2,569.64	\$45,892.12
						<u>\$173,202.27</u>

This is to certify that the information in this report is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

M. G. Hanson
Alta Bassett

A letter to the Town of Acworth:

In 1997 the South Acworth Community Aid decided to disband. The Community Aid Building had already been donated to the United Church of Acworth, and the three remaining members were no longer able to hold meetings.

The Trustees petitioned the Court for permission to disburse the funds remaining in the account, which the judge disallowed because action on his part was unnecessary.

Therefore with the help and advice of the Municipal Charitable Division the funds were distributed among the remaining beneficiaries under the terms of the will of Faithful, Richard and Clarence Jeffery.

A list of those organizations and amounts is attached here:

17% - United Church of Acworth	\$5,240.77
17% - Acworth Silsby Library	\$5,240.77
13% - HCS (Memorial VNA Fund)	\$3,989.52
13% - Salvation Army	\$3,989.52
7% - NH Association for the Blind	\$2,148.20
7% - American Heart Assoc. (NH)	\$2,148.20
7% - American Cancer Society (NH Div.)	\$2,148.20
7% - Crotched Mountain Foundation	\$2,148.20
5% - Audubon Society at Concord NH	<u>\$1,434.74</u>
TOTAL	\$28,448.12

Trustees of the Acworth Trust Funds,
Olga Bassinne
Maggie Hanson

HOME HEALTHCARE, HOSPICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
REPORT TO THE TOWN OF ACWORTH
JANUARY 1, 1997 TO DECEMBER 31, 1997

ANNUAL REPORT

In 1997, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Acworth. The following information represents a projection of HCS's activities in your community in 1997. The projection is based on actual services provided from January through October 1997 and an estimate of usage during November and December.

SERVICE REPORT

<u>SERVICES OFFERED</u>	<u>SERVICES PROVIDED</u>	<u>SERVICES SUPPORTED PARTIALLY OR TOTALLY BY THE TOWN</u>
Nursing	62 Visits	0 Visits
Physical Therapy	37 Visits	0 Visits
Speech Pathology	9 Visits	0 Visits
Occupational Therapy	2 Visits	0 Visits
Medical Social Work	3 Visits	0 Visit
Nutritionist	1 Visit	1 Visit
Home Health Aide	137 Visits	11 Visits
Homemaker	34 Hours	29 Hours
Outreach	35 Visits	0 Visits
Home & Community Based Care*	1,238 Hours	0 Hours
Health Promotion Clinics	4 Clinics	4 Clinics

*Home and Community Based Care is a Medicaid program which offers extended home care services to individuals who are in need of nursing home level care but can be maintained at home for a lower cost.

Total Unduplicated Residents Served: 22

Regularly scheduled wellness clinics, child health clinics, prenatal and hospice care are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The actual cost of all services provided in 1997 with all funding sources is projected to be \$39,816.51.

The total cost of services provided for a partial fee, or at no charge to residents in 1997 is projected to be \$1,309.74 for home care.

For 1998, we recommend an appropriation of \$9,000.00 to continue home care services at the current level.

Thank you for your consideration.

LEFEVRE AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

We continue to try to provide the highest level of prehospital care to all we serve. In the past year any of our personnel have, in order to continue to provide the highest level of care, upgraded their levels of training. Our personnel assisted in instructing various training courses throughout the year. We continue to be active in community education in providing Emergency Care Attendant/First Responder courses, and CPR courses to both lay persons and professionals in our communities. We will continue to provide this service as needed.

During the year 1997 LeFevre Ambulance Service responded to the following calls in Acworth:

Emergency	19
Emergency Transfer	3
No Transport or Refused Transport	4
Standby - Fire	<u>2</u>
Total	28

LeFevre Ambulance currently has the following State of Vermont certified personnel:

EMT-P	6
EMT-I & D Intermediate/Defibrillator	8
EMT-A	18
ECA	1

We want to continue to work closely with our First Response Squads. In 1997-98 we again want to continue to provide the highest level of care possible to you and your families. This means working closely with the Fire and Rescue Squads. We are always happy to go to the schools to work with the young people and encouraging citizens to participate in emergency medical training, continually improving the training of our staff and purchasing the most cost effective equipment possible.

Our special thanks go to the Acworth Rescue Squad for their assistance during the past year. Also we would like to take this opportunity to again invite members of your squad to participate in our training sessions which we hold the first Saturday of March, June, September, and December. We hold ALS training sessions the first Saturday of January, April, July, and October. All training sessions are scheduled for eight hours. For more information call 463-3636.

Our EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER is 1-802-463-4223.
Our NON-emergency telephone number is 1-802-463-3636.

Respectfully Submitted,

LEFEVRE AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

Gerald R. LeFevre, President

“WE CARE ABOUT PEOPLE”

BIRTHS IN ACWORTH

DATE	NAME	PARENTS	PLACE
05/01/97	Maysie Bunting Ballantine	Timothy Ballantine Mary Ballantine	Acworth
08/19/97	James Carroll Durrett	David Durrett Elizabeth Durrett	Keene
10/08/97	Clara Ruth Miller	Brian Miller Sharon Miller	Keene
11/30/97	Tristian Kyle Ayotte	James Ayotte Margaret Llantada	Hanover
12/02/97	Racheal Elizabeth Clark	Eric Clark Annette Clark	Claremont

Marriages In Acworth

DATE	Name	RESIDENCE
04/12/97	Guy Scarpa Jeannie M Theriault	Acworth Acworth
05/31/97	Stephen Seitz Susan Austin	Bellows Falls Vt Bellows Falls Vt
06/21/97	Michael Blake June Ludlum	Acworth Acworth
07/12/97	Scott Igoe Valerie Lord	Falls Church VA Falls Church Va
07/19/97	Edward Grant Sherrie Wheatley	Acworth Acworth
07/26/97	Calvin Bascom Cristina Ireland	Acworth Charlestown
09/06/97	Richard Barth Deborah Bradway	Charlestown Charlestown
08/30/97	Gary Collins Lora Rayt	Alstead Alstead
11/01/97	Scott Sanchas Kelly Nash	Acworth Acworth
11/15/97	Lewis LaMears Jennifer Miller	Alstead Alstead
12/19/97	James Ayotte Margaret Llantada	Acworth Acworth
12/24/97	RobertSpaulding Myrtle Burns	Acworth Acworth
12/31/97	Bruce Robie Mary Barth	Charlestown Charlestown

Deaths in Acworth

DATE	NAME	AGE	PLACE
01/22/97	Herman Barth	70	WRJCT
01/29/97	Robert James Wolfe	77	Acworth
02/05/97	Anne Rokes		Lebanon
03/30/97	Kenneth Hemphill	88	Concord
04/04/97	Anastasia Sarandinaki	76	Acworth
04/13/97	Agnes Mildred Derrington	85	Acworth
04/29/97	Alice Dean	75	Springfield Vt
06/05/97	Evelyn Roy	87	Claremont
08/09/97	Christopher William Brown	19	Acworth
09/01/97	Priscilla Jane Kowalczyk	52	Acworth
09/15/97	Clarence "Dick" Herschel	66	Mt. Ascutney
09/30/97	Genevieve E Champney		Concord N H
10/04/97	Mary Elizabeth Whitcomb	76	Acworth
12/08/97	Barbara Mozart Hartwell	92	Acworth

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